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ACTION EA-12

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EO 11652: NA  
TAGS: MASS, TH  
SUBJ: P&B REQUEST FOR F-8 AIRCRAFT

1. RTG HAS REQUESTED P&B INFO FOR FMS PURCHASE OF SQUADRON OF 16 F-8 AIRCRAFT. REQUEST INCLUDES AN INITIAL 18 MONTH SPARES PACKAGE, SPARE ENGINES (4), SPECIALIZED EQUIPMENT, MOBILE TRAINING SETS, PUBLICATIONS, TRAINING FOR TWO PILOTS AND AT LEAST 24 MAINTENANCE PEOPLE, DELIVERY OPTIONS (BOTH AIR AND SURFACE) AND OTHER ITEMS WHICH MAY BE RECOMMENDED. ALSO, AN EXPECTED DELIVERY TIME IS REQUESTED.

2. AIRCRAFT WOULD BE PRIMARILY USED IN THE AIR DEFENSE ROLE WHICH WOULD FREE THE F-5 FOR A GREATER GROUND ATTACK ROLE.

3. THE F-8, WOULD NOT INTRODUCE NEW TECHNOLOGY NOR HIGHER LEVEL OF SOPHISTICATION TO THE AREA AND WOULD BE WITHIN THAI CAPABILITY TO OPERATE AND MAINTAIN. WE BELIEVE THAI REQUEST FOR P&B FOR F-8 IS PART OF RTAF EFFORT TO OBTAIN INFO - FROM US AND OTHER SOURCES - IN ORDER TO DETERMINE WHICH SYSTEMS WOULD  
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BE MOST COST EFFECTIVE FOR THAI NEEDS. DUE TO THE RELATIVELY EARLY AVAILABILITY OF THE AIRCRAFT AND PROBABLE MODEST COST, WE WOULD SUPPORT ACQUISITION OF THE F-8 AND CONSIDER IT COST-EFFECTIVE, PROVIDED SUPPORT CAN BE OBTAINED THROUGHOUT THE 80'S AND EARLY 90'S. MISSION RECOMMENDS RELEASE OF P&B DATA AT THE EARLIEST PRACTICAL TIME.  
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